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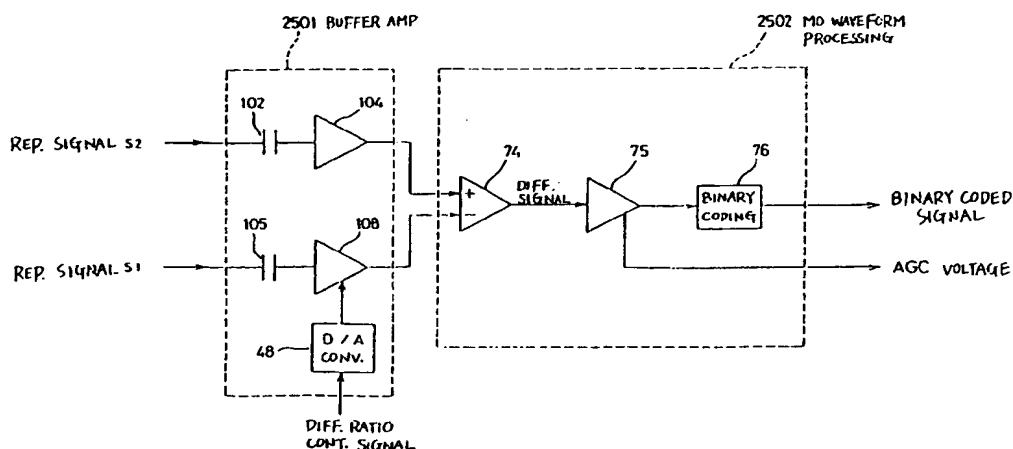
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(57) An improved apparatus for reproducing information from a magneto-optical disk is disclosed in which the differential ratio for reproducing signals can be automatically adjusted. The apparatus has a differential amplifier for performing the differential amplification of signals reproduced from the a disk; an automatic gain control circuit for receiving the

differentially amplified signal and producing an automatic gain control voltage; and a differential ratio determining circuit for determining a differential ratio, based on the automatic gain control voltage output from the automatic gain control circuit. The differential amplifier performs the differential amplification at the determined differential ratio.

Fig. 1



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